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AMCONSUL BIEN HOA

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DEPT OF TREASURY

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1. INDOCHINA

DOS OFFICIALS ACKNOWLEDGE THAT CONGRESSIONAL INDOCHINA
TRIP PROPOSED BY PRES "POSTPONED INDEFINITELY." NUMBER
OF LEGISLATORS REPORTEDLY DO NOT WANT LEAVE WASHINGTON
NOW BECAUSE THEY WANT TO BE PRESENT FOR OVERRIDE VOTE
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ON EXPECTED PRES VETO OF BILL SUSPENDING OIL TARIFF
PROGRAM (CSM). S-N'S BRADSHER (2/20) SEES LACK OF INTEREST
AND DOUBT THAT TRIP WOULD BE WORTHWHILE AS CONTRIBUTING
TO UNCERTAINTY ABOUT VISIT. SAYS EMBASSIES AND MIL AID

GROUPS IN SVN AND CAMBODIA REPORTEDLY "POLISHING UP" PRESENTATIONS TO CONVINCE VISITORS OF NEED FOR SUPPLEMENTAL, AND AMB MARTIN RETURNED TO SAIGON MON "TO PREPARE HIS CASE AFTER QUIET LOBBYING HERE." QUOTES SEN GARN THAT HE WANTS NAME WITHDRAWN FROM CODEL BECAUSE OF UPCOMING IMPORTANT VOTES IN SENATE, AND THAT SEVERAL SENATORS TOLD HIM MINDS ALREADY MADE UP AND "FROM ALL INDICATIONS, FACTS WILL NOT CHANGE THEIR MINDS." NOTES SEVERAL CONGRESSMEN ECHOED ATTITUDE THAT LARGE GROUPS DO NOT GET FACTS, JUST BRIEFINGS. STATES REPS FENWICK, MCCLOSKEY, AND FRASER STILL INTEND TO GO, EITHER WITH GROUP OR PRIVATELY LATER. BRADSHER POINTS OUT ADMIN SHIPPING AMMO

TO VN AND CAMBODIA AT RATE OF YEAR AGO DESPITE REDUCTIONS IN APPROPRIATIONS, AND EXPENSIVE AIRLIFT INTO PP BRINGS CLOSER DAY WHEN MONEY WILL RUN OUT. SAYS CONGRESS TOLD SITUATION MORE CRITICAL IN CAMBODIA, AND IS MORE SKEPTICAL ABOUT "LESS CLEAR" VN PICTURE.

SUN'S MILLS QUOTES AIDES THAT MANY AS DOZEN CONGRESSMEN STILL WANT TO MAKE INDOCHINA TRIP, AND CITES NESSEN THAT PRES STILL INTERESTED IN DELEGATION GOING. SAYS DOS EA BUREAU AND AMEMBASSY SAIGON WORKED HARD PLANNING TRIP AS PART OF EFFORT TO "CONVERT" CONGRESS ON AID ISSUE. NOTES SOME LEGISLATORS WHO HAD AGREED TO GO CHANGED MINDS AND CANCELLED OUT. NYT'S LESLIE GELB QUOTES INFORMED ADMIN OFFICIAL THAT "TRIP IS PROBABLY OFF," AND DOS OFFICIALS THAT IMMEDIATE COMMITTEE HEARINGS ON SUPPLEMENTAL WILL NOW BE REQUESTED. NOTES REP HARKIN WANTED TO HAVE DON LUCE ALONG, AND ABZUG INTENDED USE FORMER VIET POLITICAL PRISONER AS INTERPRETER. SAYS ENTHUSIASM FOR TRIP SEEMS TO HAVE WANED, AND STAFF AIDE TO LIBERAL MEMBER SAID THERE WAS SOME THOUGHT OF USING TRIP TO DOCUMENT CASE AGAINST WAR.

CONCLUDING THAT ADMIN "BOMBS OUT" WITH POSTPONEMENT OF CODEL VISIT TO VN, CBS'S SCHIEFFER SAYS ADMIN HAD UNCLASSIFIED

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ENVISAGED THIS BEING "JUST LIKE THE GOOD OLD DAYS" -- AMEMBASSY SAIGON HAD PLANNED TO ROLL OUT CHARTS AND GRAPHS, SPECIAL BRIEFINGS WERE BEING PREPARED, AND AMB MARTIN HAD RETURNED TO MAKE SURE ALL WAS IN ORDER FOR HIS EXPECTED GUESTS. "IT WAS SO REMINISCENT OF THOSE VIP TOURS OF YEARS GONE BY THAT YOU COULD ALMOST SEE THE LIGHT AT THE END OF THE TUNNEL FROM HERE." BUT "IT ALL WENT UP IN SMOKE" THURSDAY, AS CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS "CANCELLED OUT" AND PLEADED PREVIOUS ENGAGEMENT WITH ENERGY CRISIS, MAKING IT OBVIOUS CONGRESSIONAL ENTHUSIASM FOR VN DWINDLING.

MARDER (WP) QUOTES OFFICIALS THAT TRIP "POSTPONED -

NOT CANCELLED" - AS RESULT OF VOTES COMING UP IN CONGRESS. SAYS ACCORDING CONGRESSIONAL SOURCE, ADMIN "PUT THE PRESSURE ON" TO INDUCE CONGRESSMEN TO MAKE TRIP. STATES SEN SCOTT (PA.) REPORTEDLY URGED REPUBLICANS TO DELAY TRIP BECAUSE OF ENERGY LEGISLATION ISSUE AND VOTE ON FILIBUSTER RULES.

EAGLETON TOLD SENATE CONGRESS CANNOT AGREE TO BIPARTISAN FOREIGN POLICY, SINCE VN BECAME "ULTIMATE TRAGEDY OF A DECISION-MAKING PROCESS WHICH HAD GRADUALLY BECOME DEVOID OF CHECKS AND BALANCES." ATTACKED PRES' AND

HAK'S SUGGESTIONS THAT HILL QUARRELS WITH ADMIN PURELY PARTISAN; ASSERTED "IDEAS ...KEEP US FROM A COMMON APPROACH TO...FOREIGN AFFAIRS" (MILLS, SUN). REUTER (FEB 20) REPORTS SEN MUSKIE, IN THURSDAY SPEECH AT U OF DELAWARE, SAID ADMIN CRITICISM OF CONGRESS FOR OPPOSING SVN SUPPLEMENTAL WAS SIGN OF DESPERATION. URGED PRES STOP "MEAN DEMAGOGUERY," BUT DID NOT ACTUALLY NAME VP WHO RECENTLY SAID DEFEAT OF AID WOULD BE BETRAYAL OF SVN.

MIL OFFICERS SAY SITUATION AT NEAK LUONG DESPERATE, AS REBELS STRIKE HARD AT GKR'S LAST MAJOR STRONGHOLD ON MEKONG (UPI, BALTO N-A 2/20). COMMUNISTS INCREASE PRESSURE ON NEAK LUONG, SINK 3 COUNTERATTACKING GKR NAVY BOATS, ACCORDING MIL SOURCES (WP). INSURGENTS OVERRAN GOVT OUTPOST NEAR NEAK LUONG, SANK TANKER IN UNCLASSIFIED

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CONVOY BRINGING AMMO AND REINFORCEMENTS TO BASE (AP, SUN). COMMUNISTS BEAT OFF FANK ATTEMPT TO LAND ON MEKONG BANKS 24 MILES SE OF PP AND 10 MILES NORTH OF NEAK LUONG, ACCORDING MIL SOURCES (UPI, NYDN). GKR FORCE TRIED LAND NORTH OF BESIEGED TOWN TO DRIVE REBELS FROM RIVER BANKS, BUT RAN INTO HEAVY FIRE THAT SANK THREE BOATS, QUICKLY ENDING "ILL-FATED OPERATION" (CHITRIB).

INSURGENTS FIRED 15 ROCKETS INTO PP AND AIRPORT, REPORTEDLY KILLING THREE (WP; UPI, NYDN; AP, SUN; CHITRIB). HEAVIEST FIGHTING IN PP AREA REPORTED NEAR 7TH DIV HQ, 15 MILES NW OF CAPITAL, WHERE FANK COUNTERATTACKING POSITIONS OVERRUN BY REBELS LAST WEEK (WP).

PP SOURCES SAY GKR FINALLY AGREES TO MONTH-OLD US DEMAND THAT BESIEGED BASE BE ABANDONED TO FREE MORE TROOPS FOR EFFORT TO REOPEN MEKONG (CHITRIB). GKR AGREES EVACUATE KOMPONG SEILA, SURROUNDED POST 69 MILES SW OF PP (UPI PP).

WP FRONT-PAGES 3-COLUMN UPI PHOTO OF GKR SOLDIERS
AND FAMILIES AWAITING COPTER FOR FRONT.

WP'S GREENWAY IN PP NOTES STARVATION BEGINS WIPE OUT
POOR IN BESIEGED CAPITAL AS PRICE OF RICE AND OTHER
FOOD CONTINUES RISE. CITY HAS ENOUGH FOOD, BUT LACKS
DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM TO HELP MAJORITY OF POOR. RECENT
VOLAG MEETING CALLED BY UNICEF REP TO DISCUSS IMPLICA-
TIONS OF CHILD MALNUTRITION AND WHAT RESPONSE SHOULD
SITUATION WORSEN. US AIRLIFT FLIES IN OVER 600 TONS
AMMO DAILY, BUT SO FAR NO FOOD.

SAIGON SECRET POLICE CLASH WITH 3 DOZEN DEMONSTRATORS
PROTESTING SHUTDOWN OF 5 OPPOSITION PAPERS AND ARREST
OF REPORTERS. OPPOSITION LEADERS AND WITNESSES SAY
3 LEGISLATORS REQUIRED HOSPITAL TREATMENT, WIVES
AND CHILDREN OF JAILED JOURNALIST HAULED AWAY IN POLICE
VANS (AP, SUN; CHITRIB; NYT SPECIAL). WP'S MCCOMBS
IN SAIGON DESCRIBES CLASH BETWEEN DEMONSTRATORS AND
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PLAINCLOTHES POLICE (EXCERPTED IN FEB 21 USIA WIRELESS
FILE).

GVN MIL COMMAND ACCUSES COMMUNISTS OF SETTING OFF
EXPLOSIVES IN ICCS COMPOUND AT MYTHO IN DELTA (WP).
ICCS WATER PURIFICATION PLANT, WAREHOUSE, AND FUEL
STORAGE AND VEHICLE MAINTENANCE FACILITY BLOWN UP
(WP; CHITRIB; AP, SUN).

NVA AND VC FORCES STEP UP ATTACKS NEAR SAIGON AND IN
DELTA, SHELL POPULATION CENTERS, AND BLOW UP BRIDGES
(AP, SUN; CHITRIB).

2. CHINA

NCNA REPORTS ARCHAEOLOGISTS IN CENTRAL CHINA HAVE
UNEARTHED FOUNDATIONS OF PALACE 3,400-3,500 YEARS
OLD IN PANLUNG, ONE OF TWO EARLIEST CITIES EVER
FOUND IN COUNTRY (SUN'S WU; PHINQ).

PEKING INSTITUTE OF GEOLOGY SENDS LA COUNTY MUSEUM
OF NATURAL HISTORY GIFT OF SIX PIECES OF CINNABAR.
MUSEUM'S DR. MEAD HAD VISITED INSTITUTE IN 1973
AS MEMBER OF US SCIENCE DELEGATION, AND GAVE CHINESE
SAMPLES OF COLEMANITE, AS REPRESENTATIVE CALIFORNIA
MINERAL; SHE WELCOMES RARE EXCHANGE OF SPECIMENS
AS INDICATING CHINESE "WILLINGNESS TO ENGAGE IN
SCIENTIFIC DISCOURSE" (LAT'S ALEXANDER, FEB 20).

WP'S HENRY MITCHELL AND PAUL RICHARD REPORT THURSDAY
NIGHT'S PREVIEW OF CORCORAN'S 34TH BIENNIAL EXHIBITION,

FEATURING WARHOL'S MORE THAN TEN FEET TALL PORTRAIT
OF MAO, THAT RULES ONE END OF ATRIUM.

CHOU EN-LAI MET FRELIMO PRES IN PEKING HOSPITAL THURSDAY
NIGHT, NCNA REPORTS; TENG HSIAO-PING AND CHIAO KUAN-HUA
ALSO PRESENT (REUTER, NYT).

REUTER'S GRIFFITHS, IN NANKING (FEB 20), REPORTS
KIANGSU PROVINCE'S NEW CIVILIAN CHIEF, PENG CHUNG,
IS UNDER ATTACK IN WALL POSTER CAMPAIGN, ACCUSED OF
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BEING "ANTI-MAO" AND OF OPPOSING POLICY OF SENDING

YOUTHS TO COUNTRYSIDE FOR IDEOLOGICAL TRAINING. BUT
OTHER MESSAGES PAINTED ON WALLS ALONG NANKING'S SUN
YAT-SEN AVENUE EXPRESSED SUPPORT FOR PENG SO LONG AS
HE IS CAREFUL "NOT TO TAKE A TURN TO THE RIGHT."
GRIFFITHS SEES NANKING LIVELY PUBLIC DEBATE INDICATING
THAT LEADERSHIP IN PROVINCES IS STILL SUBJECT OF
CONTROVERSY.

FIRST CAPROLACTAM PLANT IN ROC WILL START PRODUCTION
IN MARCH, CHINESE INFO SERVICE REPORTS (JOC, TAIPEI).

3. JAPAN

REUTER (OKINAWA) SAYS PACIFIST SIT-IN BLOCKS USMC
LIVE-FIRING ARTILLERY DRILL AT CAMP HANSEN (CHITRIB).

AFP (TOKYO) NOTES JAEC INVITATION TO T. MAKINODAN,
CHIEF OF COMPARATIVE CYSTOPHYSIOLOGY, US NATIONAL
GERIATRICS CENTER, TO JAPAN TO HELP DEVELOP MEANS
TO MEASURE EFFECT OF LOW-LEVEL RADIOACTIVITY ON HUMAN
BODY (WP 2/20).

AFP (TOKYO) CITES GOJ ESTIMATE POPULATION WILL
GROW TO 115 MILLION THIS YEAR, 144 MILLION BY
2050; OVER-60 POPULATION NOW 11.6 PERCENT, TO
GROW AND STABILIZE ABOUT 22 PERCENT BY 2010 (LAT
2/20).

REUTER (TOKYO) CITES POLICE REPORT THAT WOMAN ARRESTED
ON SUSPICION OF SWINDLING REAL ESTATE DEALERS OUT
OF 2.3 MILLION DOLS; SHE IMITATED HOARSE VOICE OF
TANAKA ON PHONE, INTRODUCING HERSELF AS HIS SECRETARY,
THEN SOLICITED POLITICAL FUND LOANS IN RETURN FOR
EXPECTION OF FUTURE FAVORS (2/19).

JOC'S CULLISON IN TOKYO FINDS ONLY ONE CERTAINTY
IN CONFUSING WELTER OF ESTIMATES OF STEEL PRODUCTION
THIS JFY -- OUTLOOK CLOUDY, BUT MAY FALL ONLY TO

116 MILLION TONS FROM 118 MILLION LAST JFY, DEPENDING
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ON EXTENT OF RECESSION.

CULLISON ALSO NOTES WARNING BY ASSN LOCAL BANKERS
THURSDAY THAT RECESSION DEEPENING STEADILY, DESPITE
RECENT GOJ EFFORTS TO CHANNEL FUNDS INTO ECONOMY.

SUN'S SEIDEN IN TOKYO INTRODUCES DAISAKU IKEDA,
PRESIDENT OF SOKA GAKKAI, FASTEST GROWING, MOST ACTIVE
AND PROBABLY WEALTHIEST RELIGIOUS BODY IN JAPAN;
SYMBOLIZES NEW JAPAN FOR SOME 200,000 US BELIEVERS IN

NICHIREN SHOSHU BUDDHISM, WHOSE BASIC TENET -- "WORLD
PEACE THROUGH HUMAN REVOLUTION" -- MEANS BETTER
WORLD POSSIBLE, ONLY IF PEOPLE FIRST PUT OWN LIVES
IN ORDER.

SEIDEN (2/19) NOTES ONODA TALK AT FOREIGN PRESS CLUB
EARLIER THIS WEEK; FOUND HIM "SUAVE, SOPHISTICATED
AUTHOR" WHO FIELDED DIFFICULT QUESTIONS WITH "WIT,
CLARITY AND SKILL."

CDN'S GIVEN IN TOKYO (2/17) SAYS GOURMETS RHAPSODIZE
ABOUT SUBTLE TASTE OF "FUGU" (BUCK-TOOTHED BLOWFISH)
BUT REAL MYSTIQUE IS THAT ITS POISON KILLS; HEALTH
OFFICIALS SAY ABOUT 80 PEOPLE POISONED YEARLY, BUT
HALF SURVIVE.

4. KOREA

NYT'S HALLORAN IN SEOUL SAYS OPPONENTS REJECT PARK'S
OFFER OF RECONCILIATION, MANY CRITICS RENEW DEMANDS
FOR CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO CURB PRES' POWERS
(REPORTED IN USIA WIRELESS FILE 2/21).

WP'S OBERDORFER IN SEOUL DESCRIBES ROUSING, TEARFUL,
HYMNSINGING WELCOME GIVEN POLITICAL PRISONERS IN
REGULAR THURSDAY PRAYER MEETING OF FAMILIES OF
JAILED DISSIDENTS; JUDGING BY TONE SAYS MANY OF
RELEASED INTEND TO CONTINUE POLITICAL BATTLE FOR
WHICH IMPRISONED (REPORTED IN USIA WIRELESS FILE
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5. AUSTRALIA

JOC(SYDNEY) CITES SIR JAMES FOOTS TELLING PRESS CLUB
IN CANBERRA GREATEST CONCERN IN MINERAL INDUSTRY IS

DROP-OFF IN EXPLORATION, WITH 40 PERCENT FEWER TEST OIL WELLS THIS YEAR AND 70 PERCENT LESS SEISMIC WORK ON AND OFFSHORE.

6. THAILAND

NYT (BANKOK) REPORTS "BIZARRE TURN" IN SENI PRAMOJ'S EFFORT TO FORM GOVT, WHEN HE SUDDENLY CANCELLED PRESENTATION OF CABINET LIST TO KING IN CHIANGMAI THURSDAY, AFTER MISLEADING PHONE CALL THAT COALITION SPLIT. ON RETURN TO BANGKOK, SENI CONFIRMED COALITION INTACT; SAID KNOWS CALLER AS "RESPECTABLE AND RELIABLE" BUT HAS NO IDEA OF MOTIVE; PLANS RETURN TO CHIANGMAI

FRIDAY TO PRESENT CABINET LIST TO KING AT WINTER PALACE. MEANTIME, RTG TROOPS REPORTED FIGHTING REBELS IN NORTH, WITH 9 GOVT KIA, 65 WIA.

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

7. INDOCHINA

S-N SEES MOMENT RAPIDLY APPROACHING WHEN ADMIN - AND CONGRESS - MUST DECIDE WHETHER MAJOR EFFORT BE MADE TO SALVAGE GKR, OR PP BE TOLD TO EXPECT NO MORE US AID AND MAKE BEST TERMS IT CAN WITH COMMUNISTS. TIME PAST WHEN LAOTIAN-TYPE SOLUTION MIGHT BE POSSIBLE. SAYS IF PRES AND CONGRESS NOT READY TO LAUNCH MAJOR EFFORT TO SAVE PP AND IF GKR TROOPS CANNOT CLEAR MEKONG, THEN APPEARS TIME HAS COME TO EVACUATE US CITIZENS AND LET EVENTS TAKE COURSE. WILL NOT BE PRETTY, BUT NOT CLEAR THAT CONTINUED RESISTANCE WILL ACCOMPLISH MUCH. HAK HAS HAD "DECENT INTERVAL" AND NOW PEACE SEEMS "AT HAND"; BUT "COMMUNIST PEACE" THAT WILL END FIGHTING, NOT DYING.

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ON POSTPONED CONGRESSIONAL TRIP TO INDOCHINA, S-N'S MCGRORY THINKS PRES' MOTIVE IN PROPOSING IT BAFFLING SINCE SEEMS PREDICATED ON "UNLIKELY IDEA" THAT AFTER TEN YEARS OF IMPASSIONED DEBATE, SOME PEOPLE HAVE NOT MADE MINDS UP ON VN. BELIEVES "UNPOPULAR" REQUEST FOR SUPPLEMENTAL BEING EXAMINED IN HARD, PRACTICAL LIGHT OF ECONOMICS. QUOTES REPS: FENWICK, "NO MORE MILITARY AID"; ABZUG, WHO THINKS PRES PROPOSED TRIP WITH AIM OF PUTTING BLAME FOR EVENTUAL OUTCOME TO CONGRESS; FRASER, THAT HARD TO RECRUIT MEMBERS BECAUSE "DON'T WANT TO GET INVOLVED"; AND MOST MEMBERS THAT FORD GAMBLED TRIP WOULD PRODUCE CONVERTS. MENTIONS HARKIN WANTED TO TAKE DON LUCE ALONG, AND DOS PROMISED TO INQUIRE IF HE WOULD BE READMITTED, BUT NOW "DRAGGING ITS

FEET" PENDING REQUEST FROM FULL DELEGATION. VN HAS
BECOME SIMPLE DOMESTIC ECON ISSUE, AND PRES' TALK OF
RECRIMINATIONS FRIGHTENS CONGRESSMEN LESS THAN WRATH
OF "FOLKS BACK HOME."

8. JAPAN

SUN'S PEPPER SAYS ASST SECY OF TREAS DAVID MACDONALD,
RESPONSIBLE FOR INVESTIGATING CHARGES OF SUBSIDIZED
IMPORTS, TOOK PART IN MULTI-BILLION DOL CASE AFFECTING
CLIENTS OF HIS FORMER LAW FIRM, BAKER AND MCKENZIE.
SAYS MACDONALD RULED EARLIER IN MONTH COUNTERVAILING

DUTIES NEED NOT BE LEVIED ON OVER FOUR BILLION DOLS
WORTH OF JAPANESE ELECTRONIC IMPORTS; BUT ONE MFR
AFFE0TED, MITSUBISHI ELECTRIC, REPRESENTED BY BAKER
AND MCKENZIE, IN WHICH MACDONALD FORMERLY PARTNER.
LAW FIRM ALSO REPRESENTS GOJ, PREFERENTIAL LOAN, TAX
AND EXPORT PROMOTION POLICIES OF WHICH WERE SUBJECT
TO INVESTIGATION. NOTES MACDONALD, OTHER SENIOR
TREAS OFFICIALS SEE NO CONFLICT OF INTEREST, AND NO
APPEARANCE OF ONE.

SAYS MACDONALD CLAIMS HE OVERRULED HIS STAFF, WHICH
URGED HIM TO BE MORE LENIENT THAN HE CONTENTS HE WAS.
EXPLAINS ZENITH, LATER JOINED BY MAGNOVOX, FILED
COMPLAINT WITH TREAS IN 1970 SEEKING COUNTERVAILING
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DUTY AS RELIEF FROM ALLEGED GOJ SUBSIDIES OF JAPANESE
EXPORTS; JC PENNY, SEARS ROEBUCK JOINED JAPAN ELECTRONIC
IND ASSN IN ARGUING AGAINST.

9. KOREA

GLOBE'S STORIN IN SEOUL (2/20) BELIEVES REFERENDUM
SHOWS SKOREANS "NOT UNSOPHISTICATED ABOUT DEMOCRACY."
PARK CONTINUES TO WIN ELECTIONS WITH NEAR 80 PERCENT
SUPPORT IN RURAL AREAS, BUT HE MUST BE AWARE OF
POSSIBILITY POLITICAL ACTIVISTS IN SEOUL COULD STIR
REBELLION AND TOPPLE HIM LIKE SYNGMAN RHEE. PERHAPS
THIS EXPLAINS WHY, DESPITE PERSONAL BITTERNESS TOWARD
OPPONENTS, PARK HINTS HE MAY MOVE TO "NATIONAL
CONSENSUS" GOVT. KIM DAE JUNG ONCE SAID ONLY REASON
SKOREANS HAVE TO OPPOSE NK IS DEMOCRACY -- AND SEOUL
VOTERS SEEM TO KNOW KIM'S CENTRAL POINT, AS DO
PEOPLE WHO TAKE OUT DONG-A ILBO ADS; "THE GREAT
UNCERTAINTY" REMAINS PARK CHUNG HEE. KISSINGER

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